

Claims:

1. An aqueous hard surface cleaning and/or sanitizing composition which comprises:

5 an anionic surfactant;

an alkali metal hydroxide;

soap;

solvent selected from alcohol, glycol ether, or mixture thereof; and water.

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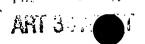
- 2. The composition according to claim 1 wherein the surfactant is present in an amount of from about 0.01 to about 20 wt.%.
- 3. The composition according to any one of claims 1 to 2 wherein the alkali metal hydroxide is present in an amount of from about 0.01 to about 2 wt.%.
  - 4. The composition according to any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein the soap is present in an amount of from about 0 to about 20 wt.%.
- The composition according to any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein the solvent is present in an amount of from about 0.1 to about 10 wt.%.
  - 6. The composition according to any one of claims 1 to 5 whererin the solvent is an alcohol.

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- 7. The composition according to any one of claims 1 to 5 wherein the solvent is glycol ether.
- 8. The composition according to any one of claims 1 to 5 wherein the solvent is a mixture of alcohol and glycol ether.
  - 9. An aqueous hard surface cleaning and/or sanitizing composition which comprises:

0.01-20 wt.% of an anionic surfactant;

35 0.01 – 2 wt.% of an alkali metal hydroxide;



0 - 20 wt% soap;

 $0.1-10\ \mathrm{wt\%}$  of a solvent selected from alcohol, glycol ether, or mixture thereof; and

water to 100 wt%.

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- 10. The composition according to claim 9, further comprising 0.1 20 wt% soap.
- 11. The composition according to any one of claims 9 to 10, wherein the solvent is an alcohol.

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- 12. The composition according to any one of claims 9 to 11 wherein the alcohol is benzyl alcohol.
- 13. The composition according to any one of claims 9 to 10 wherein the solvent is a15 glycol ether.
  - 14. The composition according to any one of claims 9 to 11 and 13 wherein the glycol ether is propylene glycol phenyl ether.
- 20 15. The composition according to any one of claims 9 to 10 whererin the solvent is a mixture of alcohol and glycol ether.
  - 16. The composition according to any one of claims 9 to 10 and 15 wherein the alcohol is benzyl alcohol.

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- 17. The composition according to any one of claims 9 to 10, 15 and 16 wherein the glycol ether is propylene glycol phenyl ether.
- 18. The composition of the present invention substantially as described with30 reference to one or more of the Examples.
  - 19. A process for the sanitization of hard surfaces and articles wherein the presence of bacteria is suspected which comprises the process step of:

contacting the surface with a disinfecting effective amount of a composition according to claim 1 for a sufficient time to sanitize said surface.

A process for the sanitization of surfaces and articles wherein the presence of
 bacteria is suspected which comprises the process step of:

contacting the surface with a disinfecting effective amount of a composition according to claim 9 for a sufficient time to sanitize said surface.

- A composition according to any of claims 1 18
   characterized in that:
   the compositions exhibit germicidal efficacy against Gram positive bacteria on hard surfaces.
- A composition according to any of claims 1 18
   characterized in that:
   the compositions exhibit germicidal efficacy against Gram negative bacteria on hard surfaces.
- The composition according to any of claims 1 18
   characterized in that:

   the compositions provide at least a 2 log<sub>10</sub> reduction of Salmonella choleraesuis
   using a Biomek assay at a 15 second contact time.
- The composition according to claim 23
   characterized in that:
   the compositions provide at least a 2 log<sub>10</sub> reduction of both *Salmonella* choleraesuis and *Staphylococcus aureus* using a Biomek assay at a 15 second contact time.
- A composition according to any of claims 1 18
   characterized in that:
   the compositions exhibit blooming when diluted in water at a ratio of 1 part of the composition to 10 to 100 parts of water.